



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea - A 'Must Stop' for Travelers

**BEREA, Ky.** – The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is a “must stop” for travelers on Interstate -75 all year long. Centrally located in the state, this beautiful center has welcomed more than 2 million visitors with a unique combination of offerings and services.

At the center, travelers can enjoy shopping from an array of beautiful Kentucky-made items including fine art, musical recordings, foods, crafts and books. Dining at the Artisan Cafe is a welcome reprieve and a great way to enjoy Kentucky cuisine.

Special gallery exhibits throughout the year at the center showcase unique artisan works, and each month there are free, second-Saturday gallery talks offered. Saturday demonstrations bring the creative process to life and give visitors the opportunity to meet Kentucky artisans and watch them work. These demonstrations include educational handouts and occur every Saturday throughout the year, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The center's restrooms feature fresh flowers, and have been designated as the cleanest and best designed restrooms along the entire I-75 corridor, by Dave Hunter, publisher of the travel guide “Along I-75.”

For the traveler, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is one of the best places to stop, with front desk staff available to map out directions for a trip or provide brochures on attractions across Kentucky. In the lobby, visitors will find a wealth of free maps and brochures, and center staff can help with up-to-date road, weather and travel conditions across the state.

Dedicated to showcasing the work of Kentucky's many outstanding artisans, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off I -75 at Berea exit 77. The center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Special exhibits currently on display include “About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face,” through Aug. 26, and “Commissioned to Create: Works by Artists Who Created the Governor's Awards (1995-2011),” through July 29, an exhibit developed by the Kentucky Arts Council. For information about the center's programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



# **PHOTOS**

Top - L – R: The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; Retail displays with pottery, books and scarves

Middle – L – R: Fresh flowers grace the center's restrooms; Center staff welcome travelers in the lobby and offer travel and destination information; The Artisan Cafe offers Kentucky cuisine

Bottom – L – R: Shoppers find a wide array of musical recordings and books about Kentucky and by Kentucky authors; Demonstrating artist and painter John Haywood ; Patricia Truett demonstrates reed basketry; Kristal Kokinda throws pottery on the wheel at the center

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